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SUBJECT : Dr. Willi RICHTER

Reference: 88a memo 886/54 ggh.

1. On page 35 of PARKER interrogation, 14 July 1954, PARKER was asked (question 161), "What was the nature of your acquaintanceship in Czechoslovakia with RICHTER (alias HASSE, the person PARKER had just stated recruited PARKER for the organization)?"

PARKER answered: "RICHTER was referent for Cultural Questions in Leitabschnitt Reichenberg. I had business with him from time to time and he often visited me on his business trips. We also spent our leave together once."

2. In a signed statement made during May 1953 by Kurt KLEPPER, the former V-13620, KLEPPER states: "Due to my special knowledge of various dialects of the Czech language I was called by the SD to Prague at the beginning of the war. At that time Dr. RICHTER was already employed at this duty station. He worked with me at the section III C (cultural politics)." Without any doubt whatever, KLEPPER is referring to V-9461, Dr. Willi RICHTER of Dienststelle 12.

3. Both of the above statements are by persons who knew and worked with Dr. RICHTER and had every reason to know his position. They both state that the person in question was cultural affairs officer in Prague. We know KLEPPER referred to V-9461. Neither KLEPPER nor PARKER seems to have any conceivable reason to lie about the particular point. The two statements were made over a year apart and with virtually no possibility of collusion. It is unlikely that two Wilhelm RICHTER's held the same job in SD Prague.

4. Available information on Wilhelm RICHTER, born 23 November 1905 in Hamburg indicates that he entered the NSDAP on 1 May 1933 and held party number 2725074. On 5 May 1941 he was assigned to the SS Ersatz Battalion "Nord" in Goslar with the rank of Sturmman. There is no indication that he was ever assigned to Prague.

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